



## Helping Communities Invest In The Future

IDEM has dedicated resources to helping communities improve their environments so Indiana is a healthier place to live for all Hoosiers. Loan, grant and informational support programs were offered for the following community projects:

- Redeveloping brownfields
- Improving drinking and wastewater systems
- Upgrading and closing underground storage tanks

### Brownfields Redevelopment

IDEM and the Development Finance Authority assisted more than 80 communities in redeveloping 54 brownfields sites with grants and loans

totaling \$2.2 million. During this time, 14 comfort letters were issued to communities and developers, ensuring that no enforcement actions would be taken against parties responsible for the abandoned sites, as long as no further pollution was put on them. In addition, IDEM conducted 26 brownfields environmental site assessments and provided technical assistance for 107 sites.

### Drinking Water and Wastewater System Improvement

Since July 1997, IDEM, in coordination with the State Budget Agency, has provided more than 45 communities, nearly

3,000,000 Indiana residents, with \$200 million in State Revolving Fund loans to upgrade their drinking water and wastewater systems. The loans were offered at a below market interest rate, enabling communities to make their water systems safer for current and future residents while providing savings for ratepayers.

### Underground Storage Tank Compliance

In 1998, IDEM inspected underground storage tanks at more than 4,500 facilities to ensure that new spill controls and other safety measures were being used in accordance with new federal regulations. The

Office of Environmental Response's underground storage tank team inspected more than 1,000 facilities during the first six months of 1999 to oversee compliance and closure strategies. Approximately 98 percent of the facilities inspected were in compliance.

- Provided \$200 million in loans to 46 communities
- Evaluated more than 4,500 underground storage tank facilities
- Assisted 80 communities with brownfields redevelopment

